5ubbl/comprises at least one <u>Rerna canaliculus</u> [PCE] component.

- **16.** (Amended) A kit according to claim 15, wherein the <u>dimethylglycine</u> [DMG] formulation and the <u>Perna canaliculus</u> [PCE] formulation are suitable for use as dietary supplements.
- 17. (Amended) A kit according to claim 15, wherein at least one *Perna* canaliculus [PCE] component comprises ground freeze-dried whole mussel.
- **18.** (Amended) A kit according to claim 15, wherein the <u>dimethylglycine</u> [DMG] formulation is suitable for administration as an admixture with water.

Please add the following new claims:

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-- 19. A kit according to plaim 15, wherein the dimethylglycine formulation is suitable for oral administration.

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 29, 2000 has been carefully reviewed. In view of the addition herein of new claim 19, claims 1-19 are now pending, and claims 12-19 are currently under consideration.

The requested amendments to the drawings are hereby acknowledged, and these amendments will be attended to at a later date.

Claims 12-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The Office Action stated that claims 12, 15-16, and 18 are indefinite in the recitation of "DMG". These claims have been amended to recite "dimethylglycine", in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

The Office Action also stated that claims 12-13 and 15-17 are indefinite in the recitation of "PCE". These claims have been amended to recite "*Perna canaliculus*", in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.